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SUBJ: ETHIOPIA - REPORTED CUBAN-SOVIET DIFFERENCE OF VIEW

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1. EMBASSY HAS NO INFO TO CONFIRM REFTEL REPORTS OF CUBAN-SOVIET DISAGREEMENT OVER CUBAN TRAINING ROLE HERE. FIRST CUBAN ADVISORS WHICH ARRIVED HERE LAST SUMMER WERE GIVEN SPECIFIC TASK OF TRANING THEN NEWLY-FORMED PEOPLE'S MILITIA UNITS. THAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP SEEMS TO HAVE CARRIED OVER INTO FIELD AS MILITIA UNITS HAVE SHIPPED OUT TO VARIOUS FRONTS AND MORE CUBANS HAVE ARRIVED. AS USINT SUGGESTS, CUBANS APPARENTLY PREFER TO ASSOCIATE WITH "REVOLUTIONARY" FORCES, AS OPPOSED TO REGULAR ARMY WHICH IN CUBAN EYES IS STILL PAINTED WITH IMPERIAL BRUSH.

2. OUR INDICATIONS ARE THAT ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES FREQUENTLY DEPLOY MILITIA UNITS IN MOST ADVANCED POSITIONS IN COMBAT, AND THAT THESE UNITS HAVE BORNE EXTREMELY HEAVY CASUALTIES IN FIGHTING TO DATE.
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